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Legislative Nominations.
We are glad to find that there is little disposition on the part of our city people to press legislative nominations during this hot weather. There will be plenty of time for the primary contest after the middle of September, and experience has shown that a "short, sharp, and decisive" canvass is the best sort of canvass for the candidates and voters, both.

At present our people are giving very little consideration to the important fact that in November next this city is to elect five members of the House of Delegates. There is a movement in the Central Trades and Labor Council to have the workmen represented on our ticket, but beyond this we have seen no evidence of popular interest in the approaching contest.

And yet the next legislative session will be an unusually momentous one. There is to be no election of United States senator, as many suppose; but the purely legislative questions that will arise will permeate a senatorial election in importance. There will be several propositions to amend our election laws. Mahone and the Populists hope to commit a majority of the members to the repeal of the Walton law. They are even now at work in many directions. How to revise and amend the Unemployment law, how to amend the subject of much discussion, we cannot say. One plan will be to hold a constitutional convention. Another will be to appoint a commission to examine into the whole subject and to report to the Legislature for its action. And of those who favor the commission there will be some who will be appointed by the Legislature, while others will wish it elected by the people. There will be a determination of effort made this year to secure change in our law of election of the administration of criminal justice. There is also a movement on foot in favor of law reform in matters of civil procedure. Doubtless, too, we shall hear something about the "revenue question," but there has been unwelcome peace on the "Clemens" and its tributaries this year, and we trust that the new system can be made wholly acceptable to the masses by a few amendments carrying out the general plan of its framers. The Legislature will be petitioned to secure from the War-Records Office at Washington copies of the original rolls of the Virginia soldiers who served in the Confederate armies during the late war. Several cities and towns will come forward with requests that their corporate limits be enlarged; but whether Richmond will be enlarged, we do not know; we hope so that is, if, before the Legislature meets, we can make a suitable treaty on this subject with Manchester. It seems probable that the Legislature will be petitioned to make some reference in the charter of our city with reference to the city officers to be elected by the people.

Altogether—as may be seen—the next legislative session will be unusually important, and it is of grave consequence that Richmond shall have in the House five men of ability and influence. If we had State senators to elect—as many other districts have—that issue, involving the United States senatorship question would embarrass us more or less; but, as it is, we are at liberty to select our five delegates upon their individual merits.

We suppose that the political content of the year in this State will be between the Democrats and a coalition of its old enemies. What name the coalition will take we do not know; but the chances are that it will call itself the "Honest-Elections party." Under this name it is hoped by its promoters to gather all the men of Virginia, white and black, who think that the Democratic party of this State cannot be trusted to revise and amend our election laws.

Mahone is back of this movement, and he is expected to bring to it most of the Republicans whom he has commanded since 1873. So, it would seem that the November contest may be "lively"; at any rate, it is never safer to despise General Mahone's power for evil-doing against the Democratic party. And next year being presidential year, it will doubtless be his purpose to put forth his best efforts and distinguish himself. By so doing he will probably be able to control the Virginia delegation to the National Republican Convention.

We conclude that Richmond ought not only to send an influential delegation to the House, but should set an example of party loyalty and unity.

The Silver Conference.
The reader must have noticed in yesterday's paper that the call for a silver conference, to begin in Washington on the 14th of August, was signed only by Senator Harris, of Tennessee; Senator Turpie, of Arkansas; and Senator Turpie, of Indiana. These gentlemen are good men and true. Nobody can say that they are not Democrats. But a national conference on the silver question at a time when that question is in everybody's mouth would be expected to be a large and tumultuous gathering. However, the committee in question was authorized by the recent Memphis convention, and its address was, no doubt, printed and prepared for the public before the great Kentucky convention of this week put a new phase upon matters.

We all know how and where Senator Daniel stands, and have no word of censure for him. No more have we for Senator Martin, who is one of the shrewdest politicians in Virginia. These gentlemen have done no act of imprudence, nor attempted to commit the Democratic party of this State to any financial policy.

Upon what basis will the Washington conference be held? We are not authorized to speak for either of the Virginia senators, nor for any of the other senators. But the 14th of August is near at hand, and nobody need make any undue declaration before that time.

But by the time that the 14th of August arrives, the delegates to the Washington

conference will be much better qualified to speak than they now are; and so we take it that that conference will be a real consultation, had by real Democrats, to determine what shall be their future course, not merely as members of the free-coinage party, but as members of the grand old Democratic party. There is a new condition of things now coming to the front, and which will soon be upon us, that will claim the attention of that party from Maine to California. In word, as we have had occasion to say several times recently, the Republican party is already by its history and its supporters pledged to favor the single gold-standard in the presidential campaign of next year, and challenges the Democratic party to join issue with it on that question.

Shoekoe-Hill Cemetery.
The protest of Mr. Carter, Superintendent of Public Charities, against the ordinance providing for throwing open Shoekoe Hill Cemetery to the public was proper and timely. Considering the surroundings of the cemetery, there are no restrictions under which it could be thrown open that would save it from becoming a public park, a playground, and on the occasion of funerals a resort for the curious idlers of the vicinity.

Shoekoe Hill Cemetery is the burial place of many of the early builders of the city, and before the present system was adopted—the system of admittance by card—its neglected appearance consequent upon the license that was permitted therein, and the exercise of that license, were a reproach to the community. During the summer months especially the cemetery was deserted daily, and frequently the burial of the dead and the friends of the deceased were crowded from the grave by outsiders.

We are glad to see that the matter was laid on the table in the Committee on Cemeteries, and it is to be hoped that it will never be revived, either in the committee or in the Council.

Industrial Revival.
There is no question that a genuine revival of the iron industry has commenced. The Cleveland Iron Trade Review, in its last issue, says:

"Another week of expanding demand in iron trade and of further advances in pig-iron and some lines of finished material has added strength to an already strong situation."

The New York Times says:

"The railroads alone need iron and steel enough to keep the manufacturing plants busy for more than a year, but so far demand has been largely for manufacturing iron, structural purposes. In short, the iron outlook is as bright as promise, and it is inevitable that the prosperity which has come upon it with a rush will extend to all the network of related industries."

These are but specimens of the many comments upon the iron situation we find in our exchanges, and which bear out the contention that the country is on the eve of the greatest era of general industrial prosperity. There is nothing truer than that the iron interest in its various ramifications sets the pace for almost all the other manufacturing interests.

Against the Gravel-Shooter.
The gravel-shooter is again the vogue. While we are in favor of allowing boys every reasonable license we are glad to learn that the police will enforce rigidly the ordinance in respect of this dangerous toy, which has been the cause of persons being hurt in Richmond, losing eyes. A few days ago the daughter of a prominent physician of this city was struck in the eye by a missile thrown from a gravel-shooter, and it was seriously feared for awhile that the sight of the organ was destroyed. As it was, she suffered intense pain, and it will be some time before she is from under the care of an oculist.

All boys caught by the police with gravel-shooters will be reported, and their parents or guardians will have the pleasure of paying a fine in the Police Court.

Pneumatic Tubes.
We have long been in favor of the transmission of the mails by the use of pneumatic tubes, and have wondered why letters have not been allowed to be so long on their way from one of the great cities to another of the great cities, or to that matter, why all the cities of any considerable size have not already lines of inter-communication by means of pneumatic tubes. The New York Tribune of the 21st says:

"If pneumatic tubes are placed on the Brooklyn Bridge for carrying mails between New York and Brooklyn, the interesting will be made of a system of large possibilities in mail transportation."

This implies that pneumatic tubes will soon be used upon the Brooklyn Bridge. The Tribune further says:

"When the plans for the new East River bridge are drawn, provision should certainly be made for a large tube or tubes for mail purposes."

When Hon. John W. Foster went away to serve as adviser of China in the peace negotiations with Japan it was said his way was to be made by the Brooklyn Bridge, and that the amount was only a retainer, and that on the completion of the labors of the distinguished gentleman named he was presented with \$100,000 more. So a round quarter of a million dollars is what he has secured through knowing something of international law and having some skill and experience in the practical work of making treaties. There's a lesson here which is hardly necessary to dwell upon. The fourth, in particular, should be taught how necessary to success in life it is to learn to do at least one thing well.

It is reported that the Brazilian insurgents under Admiral Da Gama were recently defeated by government troops, and that Da Gama, finding himself overpowered, committed suicide. The dead leader was descended from the Portuguese family whose most illustrious member was the famous Vasco Da Gama. He was always a strong monarchist, was one of the ablest of Brazil's naval officers, and was held in the highest esteem by Dom Pedro.

Campbell may run now for Governor of Ohio. It is said, a recent committee meeting at Columbus having shown, among other things, a complete reconciliation between the Campbell and Brice wings of the State Democracy, so that these wings will flap together in the next campaign.

The new British Ministry, so far as formed, is about the most "mixed" that has been known since the days of the coalition of the Whigs and the Peites. Salisbury seems to have set out to utilize all the most formidable liberal kicker material he could find.

Hardin's personal popularity and the prestige of his family name are the explanation of a free-silver nominee for Governor in Kentucky. No one would need to be pale or worn out, with weak nerves and impaired blood, if they use this grand strength-giver. Try it.

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